Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 22 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 23 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 21 Mar 2023 at 14:30 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for an unsettled outlook over the coming days but lower for detail of precipitation later in the week. High for turning colder during the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 22 Mar 2023: Early rain clearing to snow showers, drier in the afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 22 Mar 2023

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Medium Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Low Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Light rain	Heavy rain showers (night)	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Sunny intervals	Sunny	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
80%	60%	60%	60%	40%	30%	10%	30%

Forecast for Wednesday 22 Mar 2023

Weather: Rain, heavy at times, will push northeastwards overnight, clearing during the early hours. This will be replaced by frequent showers, turning to sleet and snow during the morning. Drier into the afternoon with plenty of sunny spells and just the odd shower. Mainly clear skies during the evening but clouding over from the south with further rain by midnight. Very strong southwesterly winds easing through the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% increasing to 70-80% during the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive low cloud, base 500-700m, in association with the rain and frequent showers, and poor visibility. Scattered low cloud base 600-800m with any showers during the afternoon and drops in visibility, chance of blizzard conditions for a short time. Otherwise patchy high base cloud and good visibility for much of the afternoon and evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	48/63 S	40/53 S	42/57 SW	51/69 SW	50/69 SW	37/51 SW	33/45 S	29/40 S	27/37 S
900	53/65 S	44/55 S	41/53 SW	51/65 SW	46/62 SW	35/47 SW	32/42 S	32/41 S	25/33 S
600	34/47 S	29/40 S	28/39 SW	36/50 SW	34/49 SW	25/37 SW	20/31 S	20/32 S	15/24 SW
300	7/22 S	14/33 S	16/35 SW	21/45 SW	21/43 SW	15/33 SW	10/24 S	6/16 SW	5/11 SW
Glen	2/17 SE	4/24 S	7/28 SW	9/35 SW	9/34 SW	8/30 SW	5/22 SW	4/17 S	2/12 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-0/-10	0/-8	-2/-12	-4/-15	-4/-15	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-11
900	3/-5	4/-4	1/-8	-1/-11	-1/-10	1/-8	1/-7	0/-7	0/-7
600	6/-1	6/0	3/-4	1/-7	2/-6	3/-3	3/-3	3/-3	2/-2
300	7/5	8/4	6/2	4/-1	5/-1	6/2	5/2	4/1	4/2
Glen	8/7	8/7	6/2	4/-1	6/2	8/4	6/3	4/2	3/3
Freezing Level*	1500m	1700m	1000m	600m	700m	800m	800m	900m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Strong gale force winds through much of the day but improving during the afternoon giving a more pleasant feel with increasing sunny spells.

Forecast for Thursday 23 Mar 2023
Weather: Low cloud and rain or sleet during the early hours of Thursday, clearing to leave dry and sunny conditions to start the day. Scattered showers then expected for much of the rest of the day before clearing into the evening.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 15-20 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10-20% during the early hours, increasing to 80% by dawn but decreasing again to 20-30% through the morning. 90% during the evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Low cloud, base 500-700m, and moderate or poor visibility at first and in association with the showers later. Good visibility in dry spells.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 rising to plus 7 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 1 rising to plus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: 800-1000m.

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